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SUBJECT : CABINET PORTFOLIOS ANNOUNCED, ADVISORS APPOINTED

SUMMARY: AUGUST 20 PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE ALLOCATED PORTFOLIOS TO HIS 10 MINISTERS. MUSHTAQUE HOLDS BOTH DEFENSE AND HOME AFFAIRS. THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER IS ABU SYED CHOWDHURY. MUSHTAQUE ALSO SWORE IN FIVE ADDITIONAL STATE MINISTERS (FOUR OF THEM HOLDOVERS FROM JUJIB'S GOVERNMENT) FOR A TOTAL OF ELEVEN; STATE MINISTERS HOLD INDEPENDENT CHARGES. MAHBUB ALAM CHASI, VICE CHAIRMAN OF BANGLADESH ACADEMY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN COMILLA AND FOREIGN SECRETARY OF MUJIBNAGAR, HAS BEEN NAMED PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO MUSHTAQUE. END SUMMARY.

1. LIST OF PORTFOLIOS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT KHANDAKAR MUSHTAQUE AHMED: PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT; DEFENSE; HOME AFFAIRS. 1) MR. JUSTICE ABU SYED CHOWDHURY: FOREIGN AFFAIRS. 2) PROF. MD. YUSUF ALI: PLANNING. 3) SRI PHANI BHUSAN MAJUMDAR: LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATIVES. 4) MR. MOHAMMAD SOHRAB HOSSAIN: PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. 5) MR. ABDUL MANNAN: UNCLASSIFIED

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HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING. 6) SRI MONORANJAN DHAR:

LAW, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE. 7) MR. ABDUL MOMEN: AGRICULTURE; FOOD. 8) MR. AZADUZZAMAN KHAN: PORTS, SHIPPING AND INLAND WATER TRANSPORT. 9) DR. AZIZUR RAHMAN MALLIK: FINANCE. 10) DR. MUZAFFAR AHMED CHOWDHURY: EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND ATOMIC ENERGY. MINISTERS OF STATE: 1) DEWAN FARID GAZI: COMMERCE AND FOREIGN TRADE; PETROLEUM AND MINERALS. 2) MOMEN UDDIN AHMED: FLOOD CONTROL, WATER RESOURCES AND POWER. 3) PROF. NURUL ISLAM CHOWDHURY: INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING NATIONALIZED INDUSTRIES. 4) SHAH MOAZZEM HOSSAIN: AVIATION AND TOURISM; LAND ADMINISTRATION AND LAND REFORMS. 5) MR. TAHERUDDIN THAKUR: INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; LABOUR, SOCIAL WELFARE, CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND SPORTS. 6) MR. MOSLEMUDDIN KHAN: JUTE. 7) MR. MD. NURUL ISLAM MANZOOR: COMMUNICATION (RAILWAY DIVISION). 8) MR. K.M. OBAIDUR RAHMAN: POSTS, TELEPHONES AND TELEGRAPHS. 9) MR. KHITISH CHANDRA MONDAL: RELIEF AND REHABILITATION. 10) MR. REAZUDDIN AHMED: FOREST, FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK. 11) SYED ALTAH HOSSAIN: COMMUNICATION (ROADS, HIGHWAYS AND ROAD TRANSPORT DIVISION).

2. MAHBUB ALAM CHASI HAS BEEN APPOINTED PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT; SHAFIQUH HUQ, ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT; AND ZAHIRUL HUQ, ECONOMIC ADVISOR. MAHBUB ALAM CHASI, A CAREER DIPLOMAT UNTIL 1970, WAS FOREIGN SECRETARY OF MUJIBNAGAR GOVERNMENT IN 1971 WHEN MUSHTAQUE WAS THE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RANGUNIA COOPERATIVE AND AFTER INDEPENDENCE BECAME VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BARDE (BANGLADESH ACADEMY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT), COMILLA. SHAFIQUH HUQ IS AN ENGINEER WITH AN MA IN HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING FROM OREGON STATE. AFTER LIBERATION, HE WAS FIRST WATER COMMISSIONER IN WAPDA

AND THEN SECRETARY OF FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER RESOURCES WHEN MUSHTAQUE HELD THE PORTFOLIO. HE RETIRED LAST YEAR. ZAHIRUL HUQ WAS A PAKISTANI CIVIL SERVANT WHO SPENT HIS CAREER IN BANKING. UNTIL 1971 HE WAS MANAGING

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DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF PAKISTAN WITH HEADQUARTERS IN DACCA. HE WAS RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE AFTER LIBERATION.

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